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Ms. Maraya Cornell
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Dear Ms. Cornell:

This letter is sent to acknowledge receipt of your September 30, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received via email by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah State Office, on the same date. Specifically, you requested the following as it pertains to OIG case number OI-OG-0359-1, Berry Petroleum – Vernal BLM:

- Case file, including complaints, interviews, reports, case notes, and closing summaries, for the investigation into disabled or improperly installed equalizer valves at oil wells operating on public lands in the Uinta Basin, Utah.

The BLM utilizes Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. In accordance with 43 CFR § 2.15, the BLM places each FOIA request into one of four tracks: *Simple*, *Normal*, *Complex*, and *Exceptional/Voluminous*. BLM uses the *Simple* track for requests processed within 1-5 workdays (excluding federal legal holidays and weekends). The *Normal* track is for requests processed in 6-20 workdays. The *Complex* track is for requests requiring 21-60 workdays for processing. The *Exceptional/Voluminous* track is for very complex processing challenges that will take over 60 workdays to process.

We have determined that your FOIA request falls within the *Complex* track. Based on our preliminary calculations, we anticipate the target completion date for this request to be on or before December 26, 2019.

We have determined that you fall within Category 2 of the fee schedule. As a member of the News Media, you will not be charged for search or review fees. Additionally, duplication fees will only be applied after the first 100 pages of newly scanned physical documents. Because of

these entitlements, we believe the cost to you will be less than \$50. We do not charge for requests less than \$50 as the cost of collection would be greater than the monies received. See 43 CFR § 2.48.

If you have any questions about this letter or wish to know the status of your FOIA request, you may contact me at (801) 539-4071 or e-mail to BLM_UT_FOIA@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Hedrick".

Marilyn Hedrick
FOIA Specialist